

## Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 03672 101705Z

64

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /026 W

----- 130881

R 101530Z JUL 75

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2650

INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON

USDEL MBFR VIENNA

S E C R E T USNATO 3672

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PARM, NATO, PO

SUBJECT:MBFR: OPTION III AND PORTUGAL

1. SYG LUNS ON LULY 10 CALLED A MEETING OF AMBASSADORS MINUS PORTUGAL TO DISCUSS PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE ALLIED POSITION ON OPTION III. HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED HIS CONCERN RE THE SECURITY OF OPTION III WITH AMBASSADOR DE FREITAS CRUZ. THE LATTER HAD AGREED NOT TO ATTEND NAC MEETINGS ON OPTION III, AND TO INSTRUCT HIS REP ON SPC NOT TO ATTEND SPC MEETINGS ON THIS SUBJECT. SYG SAID THAT DE FREITAS CRUZ SAW THIS AS LOGICAL PARALLEL WITH PORTUGAL'S NON-PARTICIPATION IN NPG DISCUSSIONS. DE FREITAS CRUZ WOULD BE ABLE TO READ DOCUMENTS ON OPTION III IN SYG'S OFFICE.

2. SEVERAL PERMREPS NOTED NEED FOR UTMOST SECRECY RE THIS ARRANGEMENT, AND URGED THAT REPORTING ON IT BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM. PERMREPS NOTED THE RISKS DE FREITAS CRUZ' DECISION POSED FOR HIS RELATIONS WITH LISBON. CONSENSUS APPEARED TO BE THAT IF DE FREITAS CRUZ ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTY WITH HIS GOVERNMENT OVER THIS ARRANGEMENT, IT COULD BE PORTRAYED AS LOGICAL PARALLEL WITH PORTUGUESE NON-PARTICIPATION IN NPG, AS INTERPRETED BY SYG WITH CONSENT OF 15, AND WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT DE FREITAS CRUZ COULD WITHDRAW FROM THE ARRANGEMENT IF HE WISHED.

SECRET

PAGE 02 NATO 03672 101705Z

3. SYG THOUGHT SOMETHING WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE ABOUT ANY PORTUGUESE ACCESS TO OPTION III DOCUMENTS IN VIENNA, BUT THE FALL NEGOTIATING ROUND WOULD BE TIME ENOUGH.  
BRUCE

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

## Message Attributes

**Automatic DecapTIONing:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 18 AUG 1999  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 10 JUL 1975  
**DecapTION Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**DecapTION Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975NATO03672  
**Document Source:** ADS  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** 11652 XGDS-1  
**Errors:** n/a  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** NATO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t197507102/abbrzkyi.tel  
**Line Count:** 57  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** n/a  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 02 APR 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <02 APR 2003 by Izenbel0>; APPROVED <07 APR 2003 by GolinoFR>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** OPTION III AND PORTUGAL  
**TAGS:** PARM, NATO, PO  
**To:** STATE INFO LISBON  
MBFR VIENNA  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006